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Tall Ships Usher in Cherry Blossom Festival



"Bounty"

The Cherry Blossom festival should prove to become a highlight each year of the Washington DC annual events. With 6600 DC school students and over 35,000 visitors anticipated touring the 6 tall ships which will be anchored at Gangplank Marina, 600 Water St, SW. DC Tall Ships 2003 will open Saturday, March 22.

Maritime Pavilion: w/ Exhibitors from Capital Children's Museum, Ches. Bay Maritime Museum, USS Constellation, NMHF Spirit Ship, Alexandria Seaport Foundation, Arena Stage, Camp Flintlock, DC Heritage Coalition, Historic St. Mary's City, Living Classrooms, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Rowing Clubs of Washington, US Navy

Museum, and more

Seafood Festival

To date we have representatives from Armands, Phillips' Seafood, and Jessee Taylor Seafood.

Maritime Stage

Currently we have booked or are in negotiation with the Navy Band, Orlando Phillips & Mama Jamma, The Eastport Oyster Boys, the Cathedral Choral Society, Duke Ellington HS, Joe's Movement Emporium, Merrick's Privateers, and others.

Another important date to remember is Tuesday, April 1st. DC Tall Ships will host a Ship board reception from 7pm to 9pm aboard all the tall ships. Donation: \$25. per person.

Tall ships presently booked are: HMS Bounty, Kalmar Nyckel (Delaware's tall ship), Skipjack Martha Lewis Adventurer, Norseman, Spirit, Astrid & Finne, (tentative-norwegian training vessel)

Festival Hours

Weekends 10am-5pm

Weekdays

School Tours 10am-2pm
Public Tours 2pm-5pm
\$5 donation (10and older)

Public Sails Daily! 10:30am

\$20 donation per sail per person
12:30pm & 2:30pm



"Kalmar Nyckel"

Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Events:

10am, Parade of Sail

Washington Channel

11am US Navy Band Concert

Gangplank Marina

12 noon Welcoming Ceremony

Maritime Pavilion

12:45pm Public sails and tours of ships

Donation:
Ship tours \$ 5
(10yrs.and older) no senior rate

Public sails \$20
All passengers, no exceptions
(Sails are 1 1/2 hrs. in length)

1:00 pm Festival continues

Crime Down in the First Police District

Southwest is within the First Police District. Residents are either in Police Service Area, PSA 107 or 110. The First District had the highest crime reduction rate of the city's 7 police districts. It achieved a -16 percent reduction in crime overall. Crime has been down in each of the 3 past years.

The "Year to Date" Crime Statistics (as of the beginning of the fiscal year in October '02) for PSA (Police Service Area)107 were down 35% & was the biggest decrease in the city.

The SW Branch Library is now open

The new hours (until March) are: Mon. & Wed. 10:00 AM - 9:00 p.m.; Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Starting March 3rd, the new hours are: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 a.m. - 9:00 PM. Closed Friday and Saturday

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly SWNA General Meeting Feb. 24 at 7:30

Agenda:

- Black History Month Speaker - Priscilla Kruize, participated in FL sit-ins
- Nominations for SWNA
- Meet the Candidates

SWNA Slate Open Until February 25

The nomination procedure for candidates for the SWNA elections will remain open until 24 hours after the February SWNA meeting. During the meeting nominations will be taken from the floor.

At the annual election of Board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. (SWNA), the officers will be elected at large - people living in all parts of Near Southwest

may vote for them.

The other 12 members of the Board are elected by the people who live in each of the four separate areas. Thus, the Board will have representation from all four parts of near Southwest (zip code 20024)

(Sorry, no absentee ballots)

Bios will be published in the April edition of *The Southwester*.

Final Plan of Southwest Waterfront Released

The DC Office of Planning (OP) & the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) released the final draft of the Southwest Waterfront Plan.

The Plan is a redevelopment framework for nearly 50 acres of long-neglected waterfront in the Southwest quadrant of DC.

Two copies of the Plan will be available at the SW Branch Library.

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Potomac Place Expansion: A Lost Opportunity For Smart Growth?

By A Capital Park Resident

The green park behind Potomac Place, 800 4th Street SW, is under assault from D.C.'s unofficial bird, the developer's crane. Soon the crane will rise at other locations in our neighborhood - 4th and E streets (for a hotel and offices), at Waterfront Mall, Arena Stage and the waterfront. Are these inherently bad or wrong for Southwest? No! But it is bad when development occurs without community involvement, as is happening at Potomac Place.

In recent weeks, ANC 6D, the SWNA board and the SWNA membership voted to oppose the terrible planned expansion at Potomac Place that narrowly squeezes 302 apartments and more than 425 parking places into the heart of Capitol Park. The project will destroy a park designed for that location by famous Washington architect Chloethiel Woodard Smith and the award winning landscape architect Dan Kiley. That park has served Southwesterners of all communities well. But the developer, Monument Realty, does not listen because the project is a "matter of right" development that does not consider community input. We appreciate the support of D.C. council members Sharon Ambrose, Carol Schwartz, and Phil Mendelson in signing a letter in an effort to save the trees at Potomac Place.

This project represents a monumental - no pun intended - failure on the part of Mayor Williams and the District government. Both failed to see the park as a critical component of Southwest and part of

the original design for Capitol Park worth saving.

In the early 1990s, when the charter for the Redevelopment Land Agency expired, the ANC and Southwesterners urged the city to reconsider its decision to zone this piece of land as R-5-C, because that zoning would allow a considerable amount of development. The city intended minimal development at the site, but recommended the current zoning, assuming it would block new development at the site. Now, through numerous loopholes and dubious interpretations of zoning laws a decade later, the community's worst fears have been realized. The District government, rather than recognizing its past mistakes, instead ignored Southwesterners and supported this project.

District leaders - desperate for any kind of development - have allowed this plan to become part of the goal for 100,000 new residents with no consideration of how that growth should occur in our city and communities. The developers could have found better alternatives than covering more than 85% of the land at Potomac Place in buildings and parking.

We support additional residents and density in Southwest to secure the amenities other neighborhoods have. But the construction at Potomac Place represents a lost opportunity for the city, the developer and Southwesterners to ensure that new growth in our city contributes to our neighborhood's character and residents' well-being. It's happening here today, but rest assured it will happen in other areas of Southwest and D.C. tomorrow!

Black History Celebrations & Films

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Tuesday, February 25th - African History & Culture lecture & discussion "Battling the Neo-Confederates" and Tuesday, March 4th "Smashing Jim Crow in the Nation's Capital". Both are at 7:00 pm.

Cantina Marina

By Susan Carpenter

The long saga to open "Cantina Marina" in the Gangplank tower by "Capital Q" owner Nick Fontana might be coming to a successful conclusion this month. Barring severe weather in February and favorable inspections, Fontana hopes to at least have some presence by Cherry Blossom Festival time. Call Cantina Marina at 202-554-8396 for opening times.

SWNA Speaker Feb. 24th

By Margaret Feldman

Two sisters, Patricia and Priscilla Stevens, were among the group of Black students of Florida State University who sat-in at a lunch counter in Tallahassee in 1960 and then spent 49 days in jail. Now, 40 years later, Patricia and her daughter have written a book, "Freedom

in the Family" which describes those early days, and Patricia's continuing involvement here in America.

Priscilla took a different, but no less meaningful, path. She will tell us what happened to her in America and about her leaving America in 1965 to go to Ghana and what happened after that.

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SWNA Board Amends By-Laws

Article II Membership

Section 4. Community Meetings: Public meetings of the Assembly shall be held to discuss quality of life issues and ways the Assembly can facilitate improvements. Representatives of appropriate public and private

organizations that affect the quality of life in Southwest shall be invited to participate.

Amendment passed at Feb 3 board meeting:

Nonbinding Sense of the meeting votes may be taken which will require that discussion and action in the best interests of the whole community be taken by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Southwest Community Calendar Feb. - March 2003

MONTHLY

Mon Feb 24 - SWNA Public meeting, St Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St, SW, 7:30 pm.

Wed Feb 26 - Fourth Street Group monthly meeting and host of Police Service Area (PSA) 110 and Partnership for Problem Solving (PPS) Monthly Community meeting, at River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave, River Park, Common's Room, 7:00 pm.

Thurs. Feb. 27 - The Southwest Chamber Players Concert, St. Augustine's Ch., 6th & M St., free, 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 12 - Public hearing at on Waterfront Plan, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M at 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 13 - Zoning Commission Hearing on W-O zone on waterfront at 441-4th St., NW at 6:30

Wed. Mar. 19 - AARP will meet at St. Matthews, 3rd & M, 12:00-2:00

Sat. Mar. 22 - Public Town Hall Meeting for L'Enfant Promenade Urban Planning Study, 9:00-12:00

Sat., Mar. 22 10:00 -3:00 Elections for Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at Waterfront Mall

Sat. Mar. 22, - Parade of Sail Boats on Washington Channel escorting tall ships HMS Bounty and Kalmar Nyckel to Gangplank Marina, 10:00 am.

Mon. Mar. 24- SWNA General Meeting, St. Matthew's, 3rd & M, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 27 - NARFE meeting 300 M St., 12:30 p.m.

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

Komen Toastmasters - First & Third Sat. 10 am

Fil-Am Toastmasters - Second & Fourth Wed. 6:45 pm

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L'Enfant Promenade to Fish Market

By B.K. Lunde

A museum, possibly honoring Benjamin Banneker, including a 1200 car and bus parking garage will connect the L'Enfant Promenade with the Fish Market, according to the L'Enfant Promenade planning study. People will be able to go by elevator and walk from the Fish Market to the Smithsonian. The plan was announced at a meeting in SW last January. The next meeting, for comments, is in early April.

Currently, the L'Enfant Promenade is seen as a major design failure, according to the planning study. It is an under-used parking lot, now. By placing a museum and a parking lot on the site of the overlook, at the south end of the promenade, a connection can be made to the Fish Market and the other attrac-

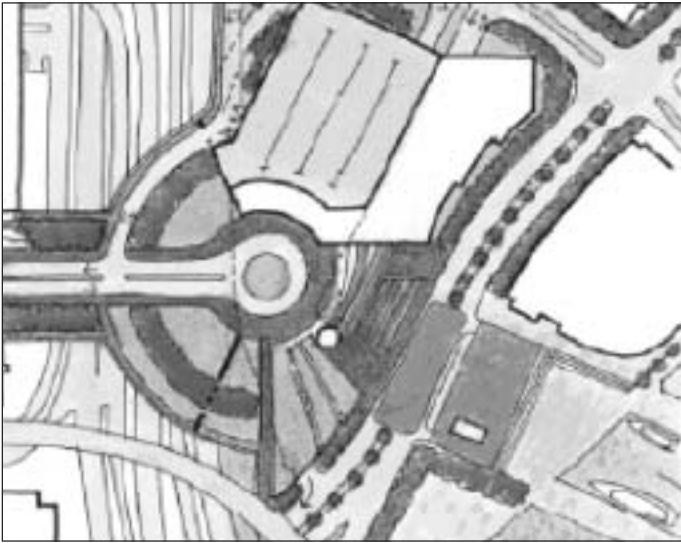
tions of the waterfront. This should increase the utilization of the Promenade, to access the museum and as a connection to the waterfront.

The plan provides better access and more parking. The Kennedy Center is being reconstructed with this in mind.

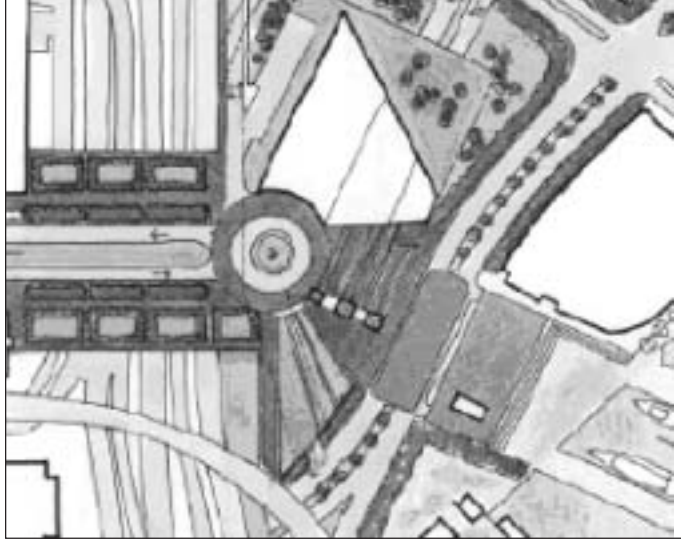
Other ideas discussed in the planning study are new entrances to the L'Enfant Metro station closer to the waterfront, removing the railroad from the area and removing the portion of the DOE building that spans the Promenade.

The study is on the web at www.ddot.dc.gov.

Heather Brophy is our DC transportation planner. Her number is (202) 671-2227. Her e-mail is Heather.Brophy@dc.gov.



Option 1-Museum located adjacent to Visitor/Transportation Center



Option 2 New museum located above Visitor/Transportation Center



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National Building Museum

The Building Museum will be having an exhibit on environmentally sound architecture, called "Big & Green".. There will be several public programs (all at 6:30 pm) which everyone is invited to attend. The first is called "Big and Green" & it will be on Thursday, February 27th. The next is "Engineering a Sustainable Environment" on March 20, followed by "Green Building Goes Outdoors" on March 20th and lastly a talk by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw on May 13th.

Bringing the Amistad to SW

Amistad will be docked at the Southwest Waterfront March 23-April 7, 2002, during the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Over 161 years after former President John Quincy Adams went before the United States Supreme Court to defend the captured Africans of the Spanish cargo ship La Amistad, the recreation of the famous ship will be in SW.

The National Maritime Heritage Foundation (NMHF), in cooperation with the National Cherry Blossom Festival(r) has joined forces with local businesses, government, religious and community leaders to bring Freedom Schooner Amistad to DC. During its two-week stay, the Freedom Schooner will inspire an exciting and diverse schedule of events, including school group and public tours on Amistad, a Captain's Grand Gala, festivals, seminars, exhibits, mock trials, and a multitude of receptions.

Parade of Sail

By Susan Carpenter

The new Port of Washington Yacht Club, based at the Gangplank Marina, is scheduled to lead the parade of sail boats, cruisers, and yachts escorting the HMS Bounty and Kalmar Nyckel to the SW waterfront on March 22. The National Maritime Heritage Foundation, sponsors of the visit, will welcome visitors to the tall ships berthed at the Gangplank Marina, 600 Water Street, 10:00am - 6:00pm, March 22 through April 7, during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

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Mandarin Oriental Announces Office Open

In December 2002 the Director of Sales and Marketing for Mandarin Oriental, Patricia Lescoe announced the establishment of the pre-opening office for the 400-room luxury hotel, due to open in Spring 2004. She said that they will be hiring from the community & will be having a job fair. Patricia Lescoe, Director of Sales and Marketing for Mandarin Oriental, Washington can be reached at (202) 554-8588 or plescoe@mohg.com.

Mandarin Oriental, Washington, D.C. is part of the Portals project located at 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW, a premier mixed-use development comprising significant upscale office, retail and restaurant components located in the southwest sector of the city, which is being developed by Republic Properties Corporation.

With construction well underway, bookings are currently being accepted for the city's sophisticated new address and can be made at (202) 554-8588 or plescoe@mohg.com.

Partners in the new Washington hotel are Lano International, Inc, a real-estate development company with experience in the development of luxury hotels,

and Armada/Hoffler Construction Company, one of the region's largest general contractors, with extensive experience in hotel construction.

Highlights at the new Mandarin Oriental include a theme signature bar and restaurant by renowned restaurant designer Tony Chi, as well as an all-day al fresco dining facility by Chi; an 8,800 square-foot Mandarin Oriental spa and a 2,000 square-foot permanent art gallery dedicated to rotating exhibits from Washington museums, beginning with the National Portrait Gallery.

"Mandarin Oriental is an international company and will target local, regional and international companies and associations.

SW Tour

By Ron McGee

Capitol Park at 800 4th Street has been nominated for landmark status to the Office of Historic Preservation. It will be one of several stops on tour, Sunday, March 9 starting at 10 AM, which is open to the public. The tour is part of the Society of Architectural Historians biennial symposium on Mid-Century Modernism in Metropolitan Washington, DC.

The tour in SW will be coordinated by the SWNA History Task Force. For more information contact Marilyn Harper at 301/365-3541 or marilyn.harper@verizon.net.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Jan. Meeting

by Sarah Livingston

It began with asking for nominations for the March 22 elections for New Officers and Members of the Board. There was an introduction of the nominees present at the meeting.

The main program theme was What Is Happening In Our Neighborhoods, featuring reports from the elected representatives of each of the 4 SWNA Districts.

After this, Pastor Huber and Mr. Felder of the St. Matthews Church where the assembly has met forever, told the audience of the church's building plans.

The meeting concluded with some comments on the results of the assembly's Community Survey on the Proposed Development of Waterside Mall. One of the results is that current merchants have strong community support for their return

to the mall when construction is completed.

South Capitol Street Gateway and Improvement Study

By Sarah Livingston

There was a meeting to solicit citizen input on the South Capitol Street Gateway and Improvement Study. It was at the Kigor Savoy Elementary School, Saturday, January 25th.

Each attendee was given a package of information, a name tag and directed to one of four Learning Stations-the red, yellow, blue or brown.

Each of the four groups was then led by its own speakers and facilitators to focus on five maps and some smaller drawings displayed in front of each group.

The first map with Option 1 showed the study area with no changes-No build. Option 2 is for a new bridge with the same capacity for cars that we have now. Option 3 is for a new bridge with 2 lanes of added capacity for cars. Option 4 is for 2 new bridges with added capacity for cars and Option 5 would create a new bridge with 4 lanes for cars and a tunnel with 6 lanes.

The meeting concluded with an Audience Report from a member of each group giving a brief summary of their discussion and a reminder by Ms. Jordan that the fourth of this series of public meetings will be held in March.

For more information contact: John Deatrick, Deputy Director, DDOT, 202-671-2244; john.deatrick@dc.gov or Hadijah Jordan, Project Manager, Justice & Sustainability Associates 202-319-2009; hadiahjordan@justicesustainability.com.

DCDOT 4th St. Study

by-Sarah Livingston

At their January 29th public meeting held at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation reported on their study of traffic movement in the Waterside/Waterfront Mall area in light of development activities in southwest and near southeast and how those activities are likely to affect traffic flow in 2010 and 2022.

They pointed out a number of problems that exist now, such as the lack of clear directions for lane usage on 4th Street at M Street and pedestrian safety at 3rd and I Streets and recommended solutions to them. Looking to the future, even without development at the mall site but definitely with it, they recommend "that 4th Street be connected between I and M Streets and that this connection be made available to vehicles".

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Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Margaret Kellems spoke at the monthly meeting of the First Police District's Citizen Advisory Council.

Below, is a letter received from Monument Realty regarding construction at Potomac Place, 800-4th St., SW

In January, District-based Monument Realty began construction of Potomac Place Apartments, a 2-phased expansion of an existing 400-unit apartment building located at 800 4th Street, SW. The expansion will consist of 302 first-class apartments, an outdoor swimming pool, two landscaped gardens, and a complete renovation of the lobby of the existing apartment building. Current residents at Potomac Place will benefit from these new amenities, as well as an expanded fitness center, new community room and business center. Monument selected this location because of the unmet demand for new rental housing in what is otherwise a very dynamic and vibrant residential community.

The property is zoned R-5-C, which permits apartment development to a 6.0 FAR and 60' height as a matter of right. Under the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Monument was required to submit the project for permit review and provide an Environmental Impact Screening Form, both of which were completed in accordance with District guidelines. While not required, Monument has taken steps to alleviate the concerns of its immediate neighbors and is now very close to an agreement that will do just that. In short, Monument has obeyed the law and has done its best to act as a good neighbor in the community. To those that have provided thoughtful criticism in a professional manner, Monument thanks you for your input.

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Uncertain Fireboat Service

By - Susan Carpenter

Acting Fire Chief Adrian Thompson assured local boaters recently that when

#1 Fireboat John Glenn is dry-docked for long, overdue repairs, the DC waterfront would be protected by a smaller fireboat. He made no assurances that a third small boat or the Fireboat Support Unit (FBSU), both currently staffed, would be available for use. The FBSU is a van with a trailer carrying an inflatable boat that can be used in difficult rescues.

"Every DC citizen deserves adequate fire and emergency protection which can only be accomplished with sufficient staff and equipment," said Kenny Cox, representing the DC firefighters union. Currently the John Glenn, two smaller fireboats and the FBSU are fully staffed with 5 firefighters to a shift. When the John Glenn leaves, only 2 firefighters will be assigned to a shift.

By agreement with the Council of Governments, the DC fireboats are the only water rescue boats for the Maryland, Virginia and DC waterfronts above the Wilson Bridge. On the Anacostia and Potomac rivers around DC there are several interstate bridges, Metro bridges and

tunnels, and marinas, including the Gangplank Marina where almost 100 boats have people living aboard. The very busy Reagan National Airport takeoff and landing patterns are also along the Potomac River.

Fourth Street Group Meeting & PSA Meeting

On the Police agenda at the Wed., Feb. 26th meeting are three brief presentations: First District Headquarters, Commander Thomas McGuire, US Attorney Katherine Worker and Court Services and Offenders Supervision Agency (CSOSA), Supervisor Robert Manuel. Lt Timothy Haselden will report on PSA 110 - CSOSA, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), DC Housing Authority (DCHA) Police Coordination followed by questions, answers and discussion about crime and other unsafe conditions; methods to improve safety. Sharon Ambrose will be in attendance.

Bring a friend or another neighbor. Get to know your neighbors. Share information and develop strategies to resolve rampant and out of hand drug trafficking especially in SW Public Housing and at the Safeway entrance and side parking lot. Work RESPECTFULLY with those in our

Arena Stage Teen Drama

Learning to write and perform their own plays, Southwest teens are planning on performing at Arena Stage in June.

A community dinner sponsored by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church recently gave the youth a chance to appear in public and speak short pieces they have written about their own lives.



Attending the dinner and performance at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church were Arena Stage's Associate Executive Director Desiree Urquart, left, and Executive Director Stephen Richard, right, shown with teen performer



Southwest teens learning about theatre under the guidance of Arena Stage professionals each Tues. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church gave a presentation of Transformations.

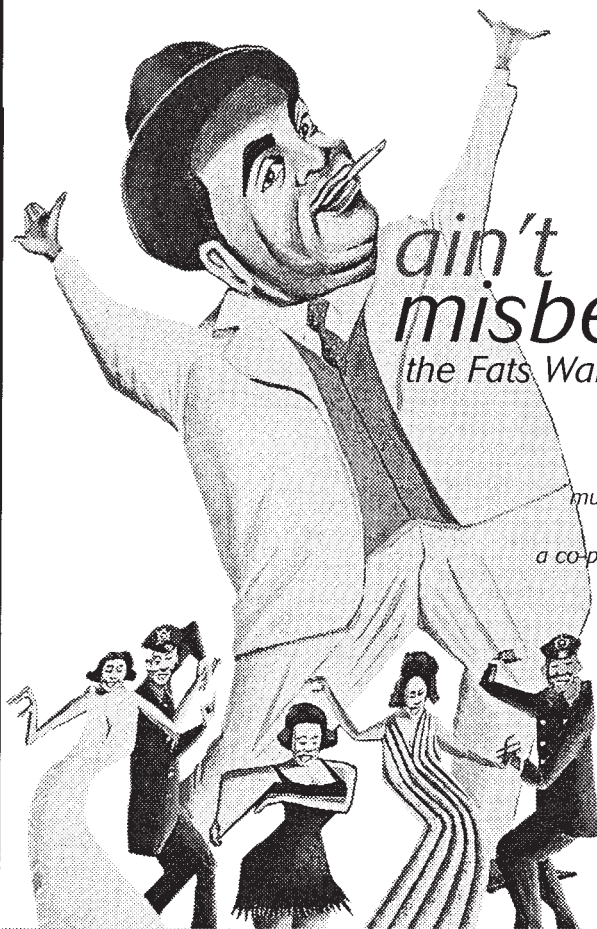


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"1776" at Ford's Theater Mar. 12-June 1

Ford's Theatre kicks off the spring season with the Tony Award winning musical 1776 (Best Musical, 1969). With lyrics and music by Sherman Edwards and book by Peter Stone, 1776 is an insightful yet humorous retelling of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

This production of 1776 features David Huddleston as Benjamin Franklin, Lewis Cleale as John Adams and Kate Baldwin as Martha Jefferson. Anne Kanengeiser, who starred as the title character in the Ford's Theatre production of Eleanor, will play Abigail Adams opposite Cleale's Adams. James Ludwig, who last appeared at Ford's Theatre as the title character in Kudzu, plays Thomas Jefferson. Steven Crossley, regularly featured as Ebenezer Scrooge in Ford's A Christmas Carol, appears as Stephen Hopkins.

Helen Hayes Award winner David H. Bell, who adapted A Christmas Carol for Ford's Theatre and most recently directed

Performance Schedule

Tues., Mar. 12-Sun., Jun. 1 (No show on Tues., Mar. 18)

Tues. - Sat. at 7:30 p.m.

Wed. at 12:00 p.m. (Mar. 26-Apr. 9)

Thurs. at 12:00 p.m. (Mar. 27-May 29)

Sat. at 2:30 p.m. (Apr. 19-May 31)

Sun. at 2:30 p.m. (Mar. 16-Jun. 1)

Sign interpreted performances Audio described performances

For more information on Ford's Theatre, please call (202) 347-4833 or visit www.fordstheatre.org.

Tickets are \$29-\$45. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more.

Tickets.com: 703/218-6500

Box Office: 202/347-4833 or in person

Hot Mikado, returns to lead this fun-filled musical history.

Opening Act Workshops

During the run of 1776, Ford's will host seven Opening Act Workshops (April 2, 3, 10; and May 1, 8, 15, 22) that allow students to gain more insight into theatre production. Through interactive exercises, improvisation and discussion, students and teachers explore key production themes, relationships and issues. Opening Act Workshops are free-of-charge and custom

designed for most Ford's production. For more information, call the Ford's Theatre Sales & Marketing Office at 202-638-2367.

All Russian Program

The Southwest Chamber Players present an All Russian program at their Feb. 27th recital. Come here Shostakovich, Rachmaninoff & Stravinsky as played by this special group.

Naomi Monk asks for your vote for President

of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA)

at the annual election of officers, Sat. Mar. 22, at

Waterside Mall.

My name is Naomi J. Monk, I ask for your support and vote for the President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly in April 2003 - March 2004. I ask that you encourage others to support and vote for me, as well. I am running to support the primary objective of the SWNA By-laws: Work to improve the quality of life for all Southwest residents -- at all socioeconomic levels. The voting will take place on the 4th Saturday, March 22, 2003 from 10 am to 4 pm at a table located outside the front of the Waterfront Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

My Bio is: Served as Chair of SWNA, Waterside Mall/Waterfront Taskforce, since October 2000. Coordinator and facilitator of Police Service Area (PSA) 110 Monthly Public meetings. MPD Awards: Outstanding Community Service. Former Director of Carrollburg, A Condominium. BS in Business Management from the University of Maryland. US Army Materiel Command Program Manager, retired. USAF Reserves, retired. Goals: Promote educational and employment potentials, work towards reduction in crime and a drug free environment.

I thank you for listening and I shall greatly appreciate your support and vote. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,
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YATF Graduates "Safe Sitters"

By Jean Macdonald

The SW Youth Activities Task Force has graduated the first ever certified Safe Sitters (babysitters) in the history of Southwest. Six girls and one boy, ages 11 and 12, earned certificates to become pioneers, as YATF is the only registered Safe Sitter site in the nation's capital. Additional funding for the class was provided by the World Bank.

These young adolescents are instructed in safe and nurturing child care techniques, rescue skills and basic first aid.

A rigorous test is given after completion of the training to help ensure the students' mastery of all the skills. After the graduation ceremony each student was awarded all the necessary tools to start earning money as a Safe Sitter.

Certified Safe Sitter instructor Thelma Jones is now accepting registration for the next class, which is limited to eight students. For information, call her at 202-488-3746 evenings or weekends.

Parking At The Mall

Parking at the Waterfront (Waterside) Mall is about to get easier! According to

Property Manager Steve Nanney, Colonial Parking will cease operations at Waterfront on February 28. All entrance/exit gates, both front and back, will be raised, making access to the lots easier, pleasanter and quicker. Weekday parking for two hours or less in both front and back lots, and in the garage, will be free. It has not yet been determined how much to charge for stays which exceed two hours, but Waterfront management promises that "reasonable policies based on demand" will be established. Extended use rate(s), with a hang-tag system to identify cars parked long-term, is planned, those interested should contact the management office or the security office for more information. Weekend parking will continue to be unlimited and free.

National Building Museum

The Building Museum will be having an exhibit on environmentally sound architecture, called "Big & Green". There will be several public programs (all at 6:30 pm) which everyone is invited to attend. The first is called "Big and Green" & it will be on Thursday, February 27th. The next is "Engineering a Sustainable Environment" on March 20, followed by "Green Building Goes Outdoors" on March 20th and lastly a talk by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw on May 13th.

AARP

Br Ray Williams, president

The chapter thanks Diane Montgomery, a new member and incoming secretary and welcomes her to the chapter and gives Norma Hunton super cheers for a job of excellence during her term as secretary. The chapter also recognizes new member Charles Huddleston, along with Gloria Davis And Cherry Woodland as the Nominating Committee. James Patton is the new treasurer, replacing Marian Tignor. Special thanks to Waterfront

AARP Chapter 4751 committee members and members: Alberta White, Marian Coleman, Betty Brown, Norma Hunton, Gerry Huggins, Walter Brooks, Jim Patton, Vernice Howard, corresponding

secretary, and Ben Lemlich, vice-president. The chapter membership drive is starting, so any retirees interested in meeting and interacting with others, please send your information to Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751, PO BOX 70327 Wasington, D.C. 20024. Please include your name, address and phone number and \$11.00 check made out to Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751.



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